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PATAPSCO HOTEL circa 1930
Ellicott City
Private

This twentieth century stone building, twelve bays wide and three stories high replaces an earlier hotel which stood on the same site and whose ruins provided the building blocks for the present structure which still retains wall sections of the original four story high stone structure which featured a second and third floor open porch or balcony on its entire south and east elevations. The second floor balcony was level with the railroad bridge, providing easy access for passengers stepping from the train to their hotel. The original building is said to have provided the meeting place between George Ellicott and Indian Chiefs from neighboring tribes.

The present building provides commercial space on its first floor for colorful shops and is important architecturally as a visual anchor to the lower Main Street street scape.

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District 2
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Thomas' Patapsco Hotel/Wilson Patapsco Hotel/Stewart's Hotel

AND/OR COMMON: Patapsco Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 8004-8026 Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Ellicott City ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Historic Ellicott Properties, Inc., 8004 Main St. & land)
c/o Samuel H. Caplan Telephone #: 465-3500

STREET & NUMBER: 8125 Main Street
Charles L. Roqueta - parcels 275, 292 & 309
8016-8020 Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Ellicott City ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tax Map 25-A
Liber #: 526 621 636
Folio #: 637 638 460
p. 29 p.275 p.292 & 309
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COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Record's Room

STREET & NUMBER: Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN: Ellicott City

STATE: Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE: July 1977 __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED *	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original Patapsco Hotel which stood in the same location as the present building was demolished. The present Patapsco Hotel is a twelve bay wide, four bay deep, three story, shed roofed granite building (built with the same building stones as the old hotel) located just west of the B & O Railroad on the north side of Main Street.

Shops are located on the first floor of the building with shops, and/or apartments above. Three varying shed roofed, open and partially closed one story porches each run along four bays of the building and furnish space for first floor central covered entrances flanked by display windows running from east to west and holding respectively twenty-five, twenty-five lights; four, two lights and twelve, twelve lights.

The second and third floor south windows are proportionally scaled, vertically aligned and double-hung with one-over-one lights decorated with flat stone lintels.

The west wall of this structure is attached to the east wall of the Railroad Hotel, while its east wall holds four second floor and two third floor windows similar to those described on the south wall.

The first floor of the building is set into the granite hill along the north elevation, with a second and third floor shed roofed open porch. The ground on the north slopes up to Castle Angelo. A cement retaining wall holds this ground on the second floor.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION	
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE	
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1930 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Mr. Pennington

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present twelve bay wide building, called the Patapsco Hotel replaces an earlier hotel called Thomas' Patapsco Hotel which is claimed by some historians to have been a stagecoach center for traffic going west on the National Pike. An article entitled "Ellicott City, Once Gateway to West, A Garden of Memories" by Grace Sherwood (a reprint from the Sunday Sun of 1926 published in 1972 by The Ellicott City Bicentennial Journal) describes the Old Patapsco Hotel, later called Stewart's Hotel as having just been demolished. She goes on with the following description of the original building:

> Its main doorways, lovely old paneled things with graceful half moons and transoms above them, stared out upon the street from the second story, mute reminders of the days when they opened onto a balcony on a level with the railroad bridge, so that guests stepping from the train on what was once the longest railroad in America might step into their hotel in ease.

A model of Ellicott City built by Robert Kirchman of 13881 Triadelphia Mill Road, Dayton, Maryland, depicts Main Street in 1854 from the I.O.O.F building to the Patapsco River. It indicates the Old Patapsco Hotel as a seven bay wide, four story high semi-hipped roof (the west elevation is a gambrel roof) stone structure with open second and third floor porches running along the width of the east and south elevations of the building.

The hotel is reputed to have been in its early days the place of meetings between George Ellicott, son of Andrew Ellicott, the founder, and Indian chiefs of the surrounding area.

The present building, though more simple and direct in its architectural treatment than its forerunner, affords an important visual anchor in the street scape on the north side of Main Street, and blends well texturally and proportionally with its neighbor to the west, the Railroad Hotel, in its use of the original building's stones.

For these reasons the Patapsco Hotel, though only fifty years old should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and any future local landmark legislation.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ellicott City Bicentennial Journal, Vol 1, No. 1, Summer-Fall, 1972.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.34

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Maps 25-A parcels, 29, 275, 292 and 309

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Howard
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION
Howard County Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE
July 1977

STREET & NUMBER
3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE
465-5000 x 257

CITY OR TOWN
Ellicott City

STATE
Maryland

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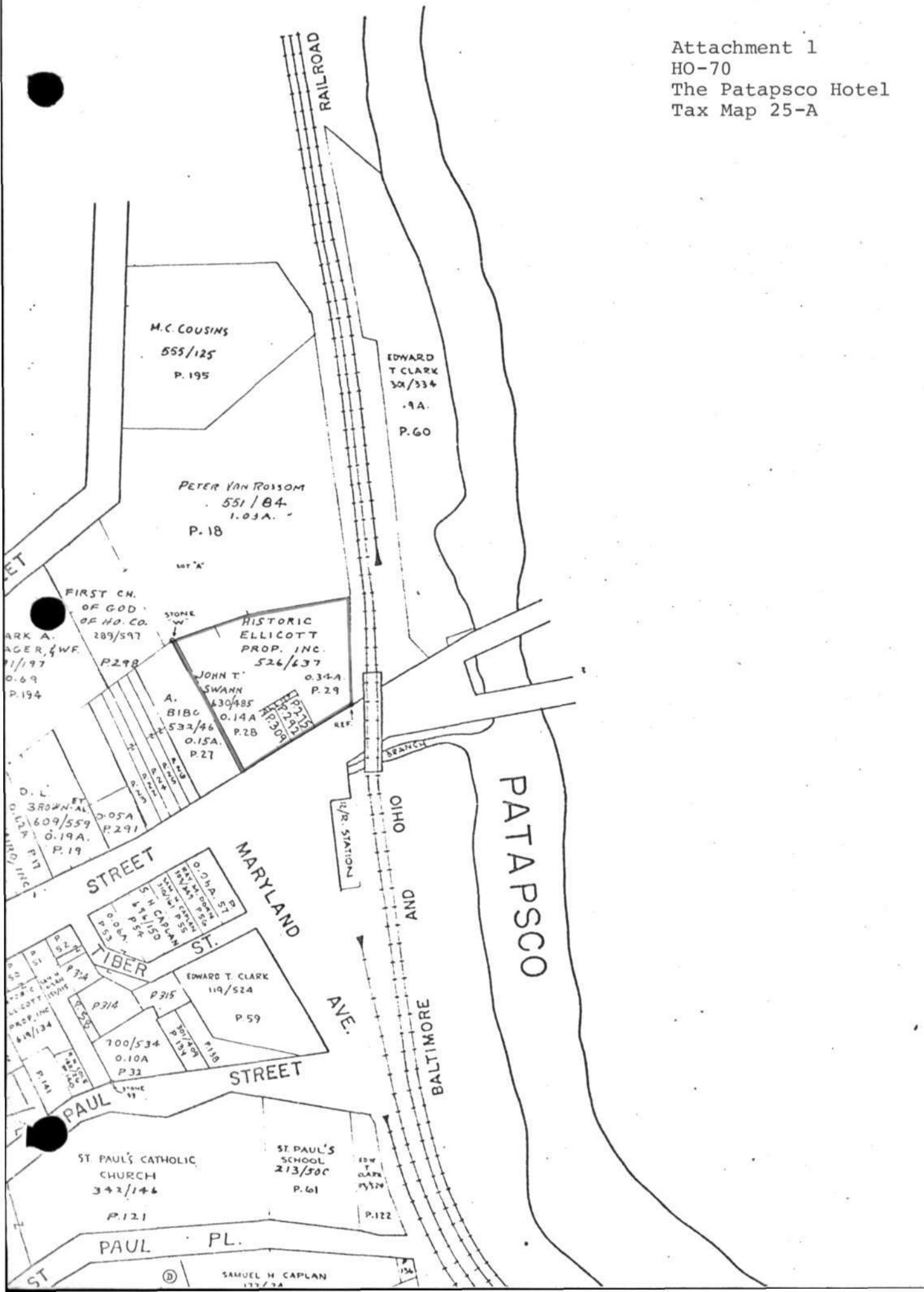

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The Patapsco Hotel
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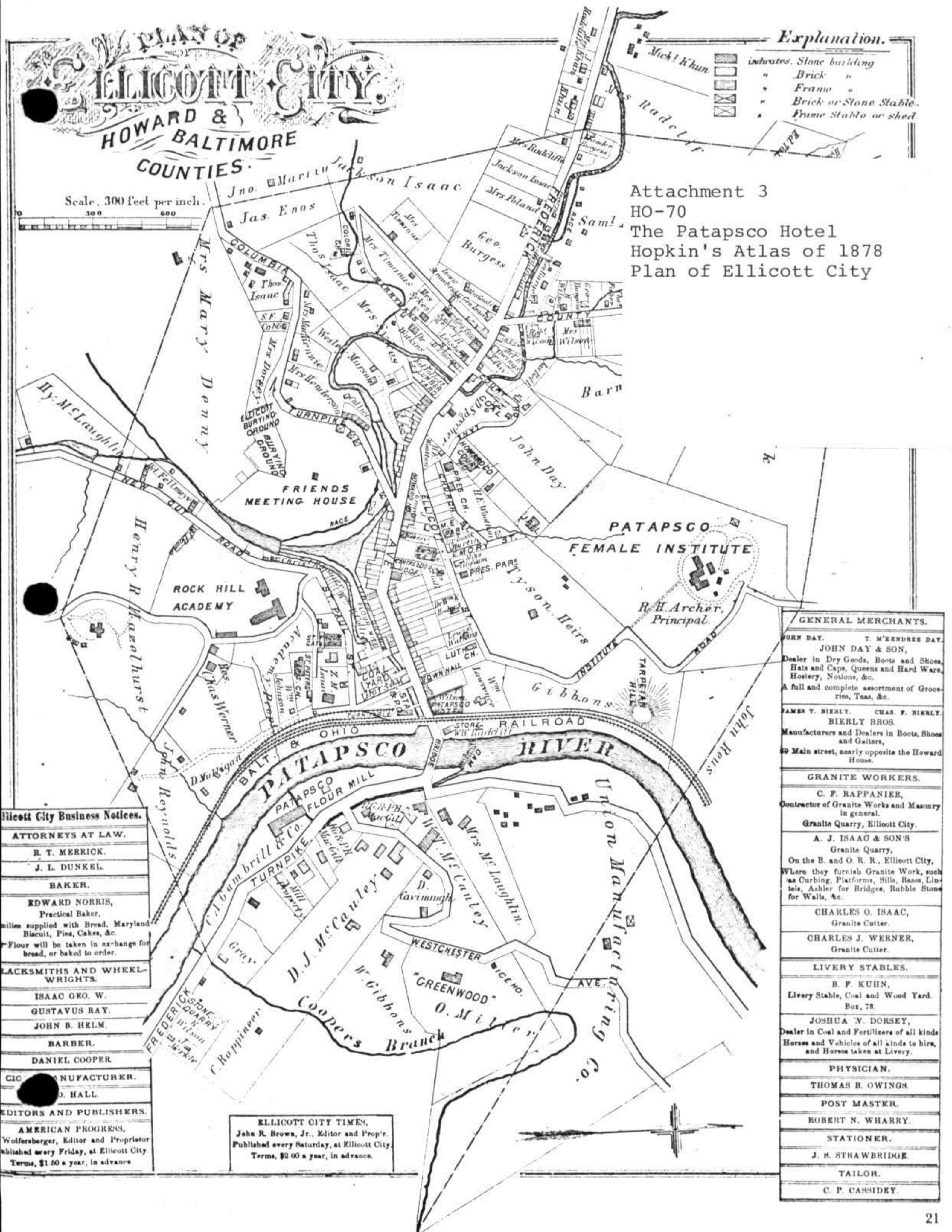
Plan of Ellicott City



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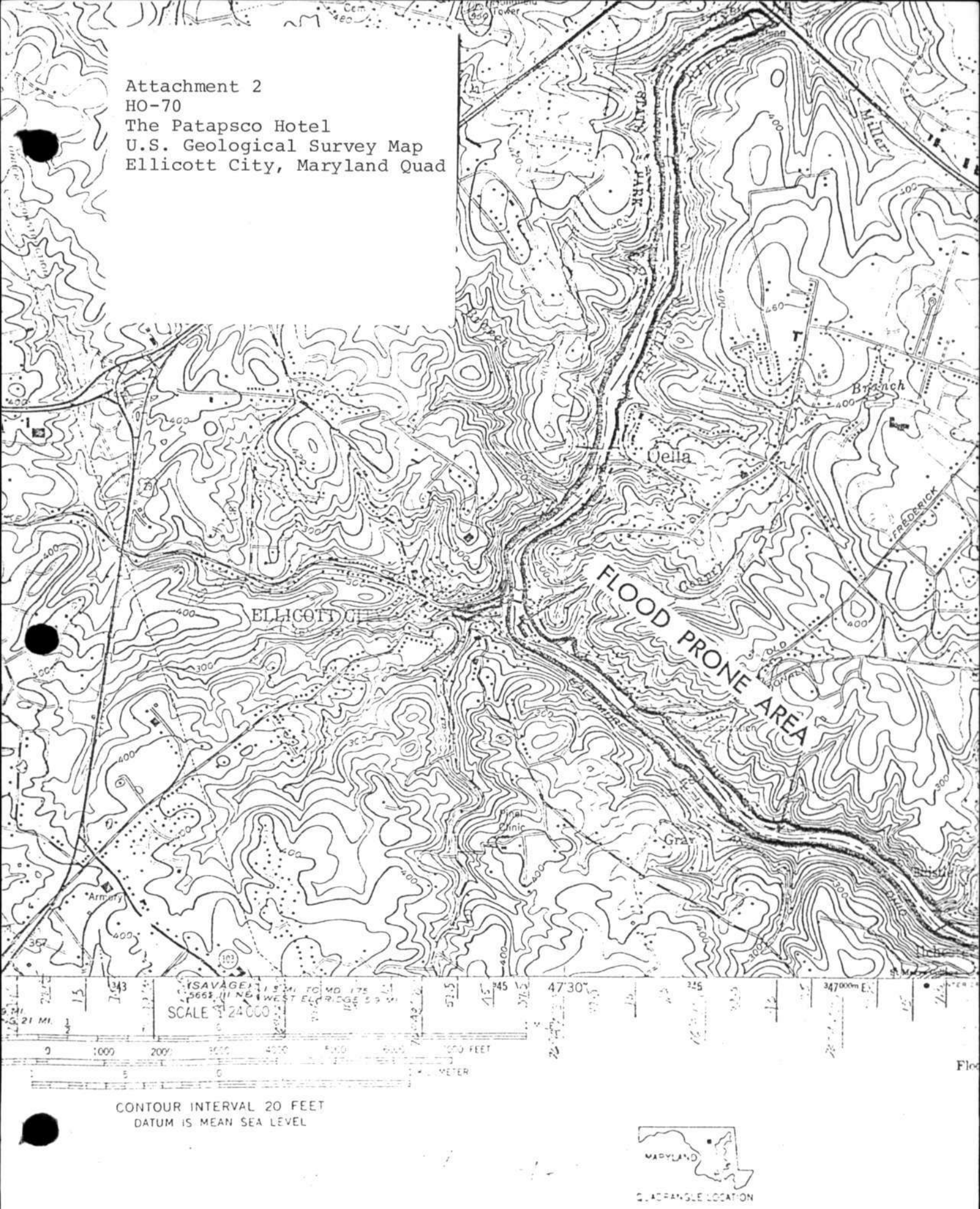
Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



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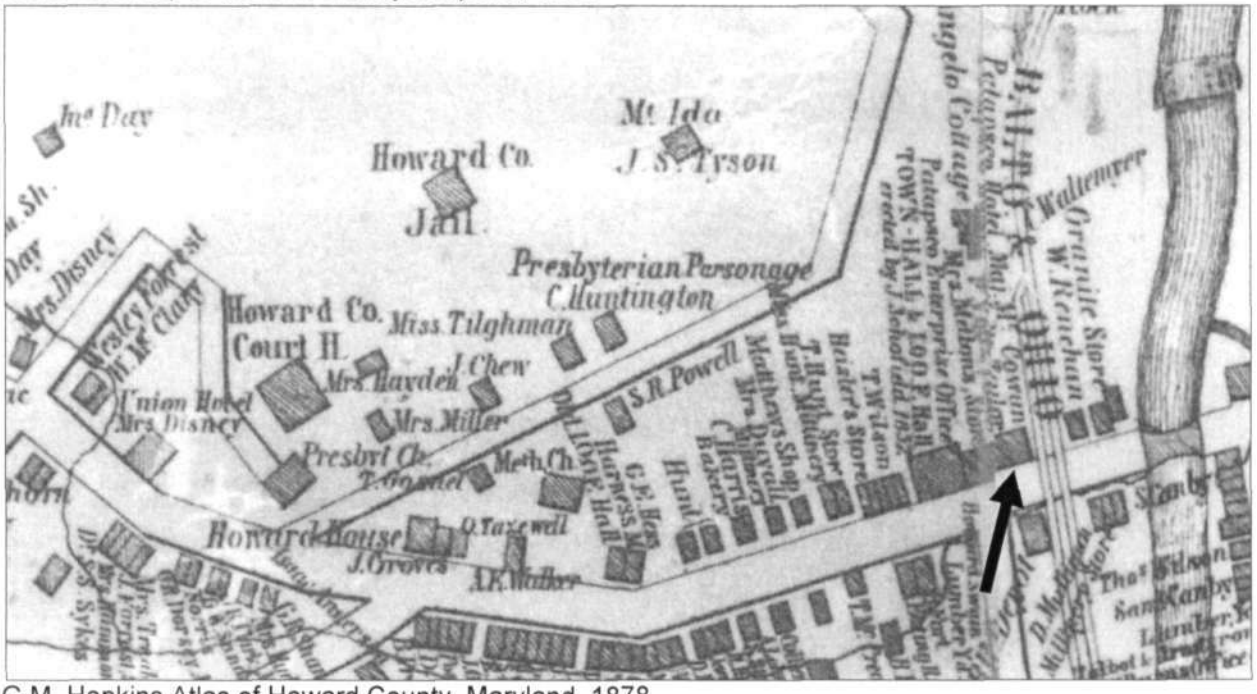

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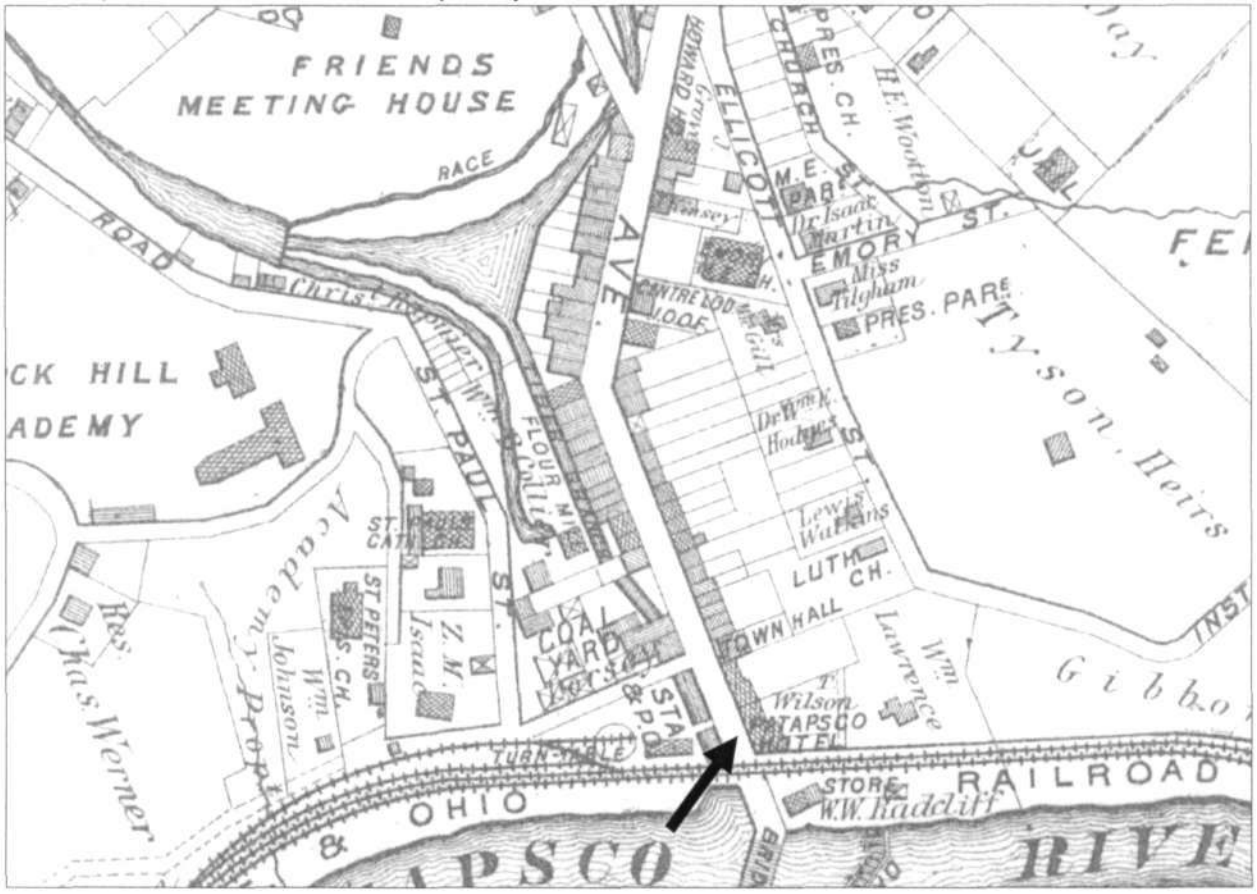

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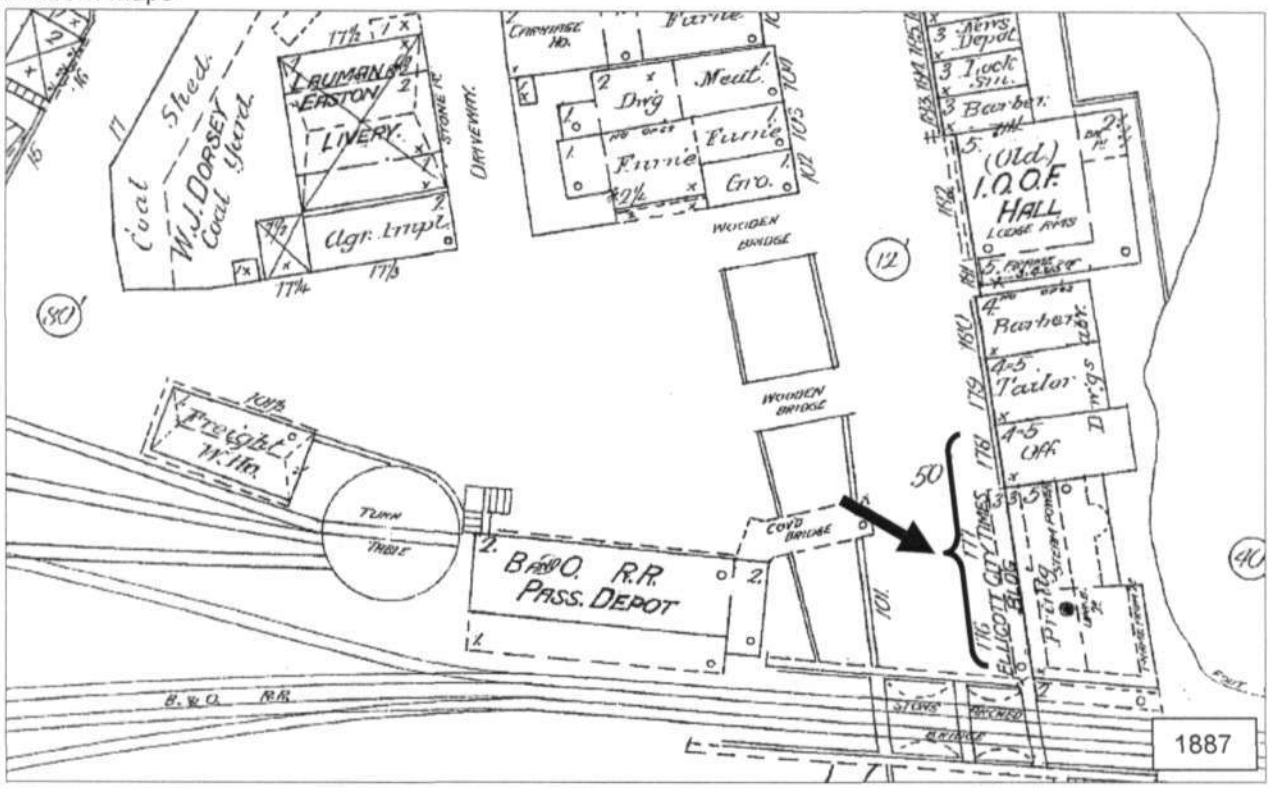

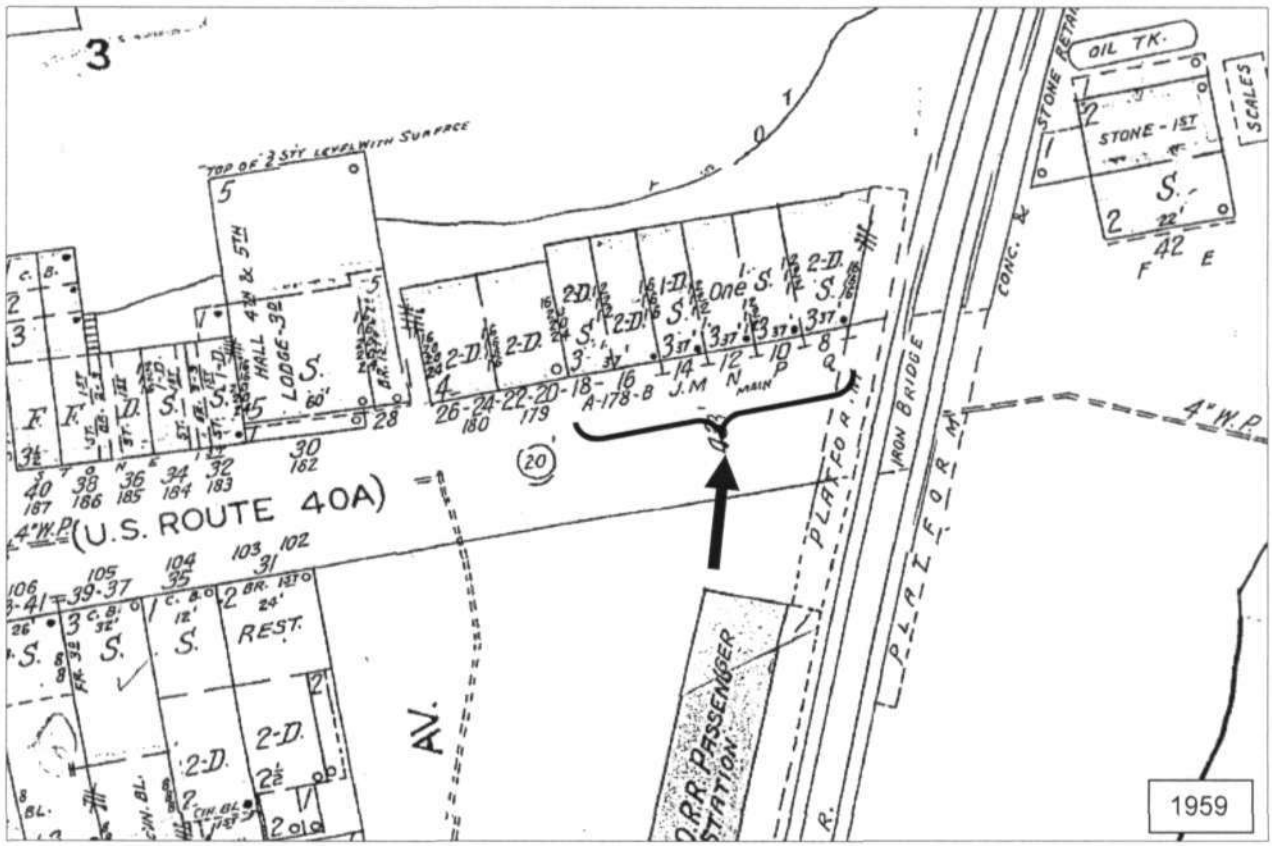

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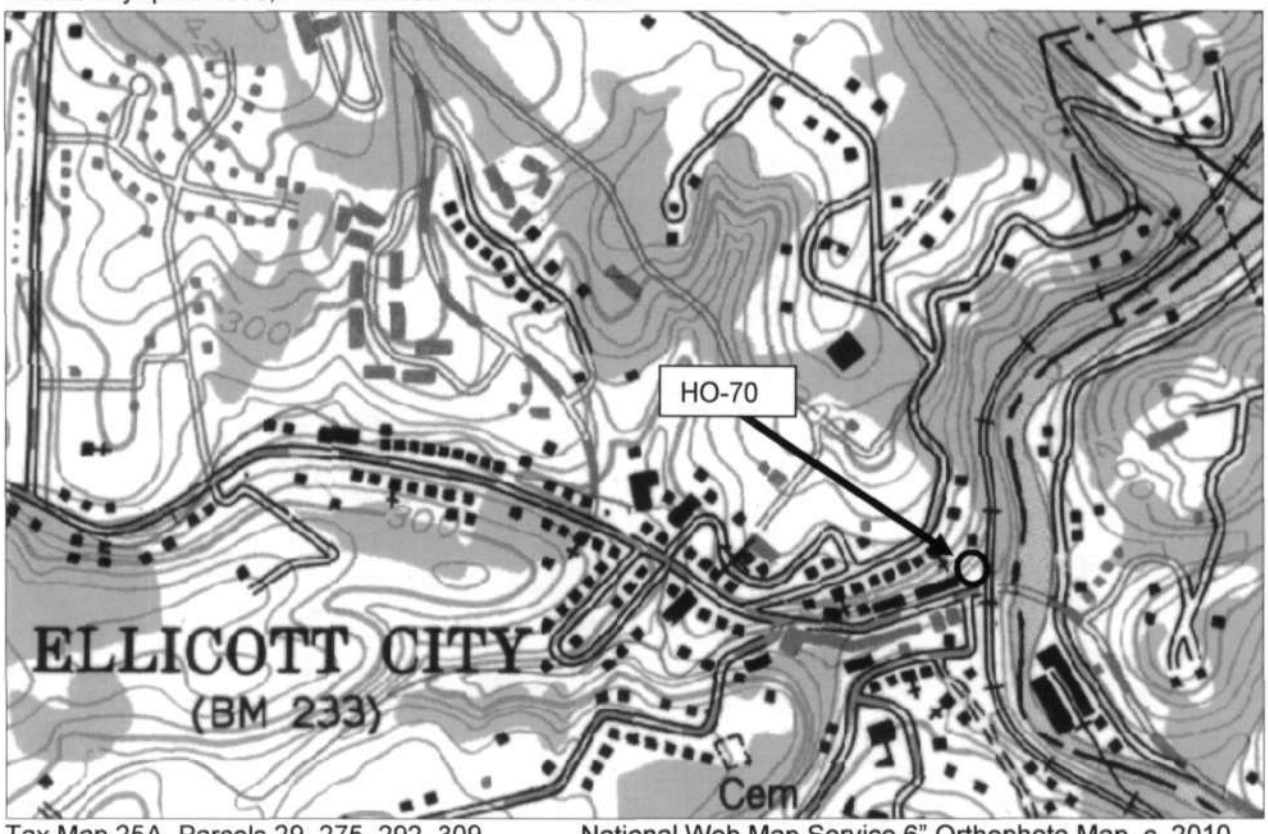

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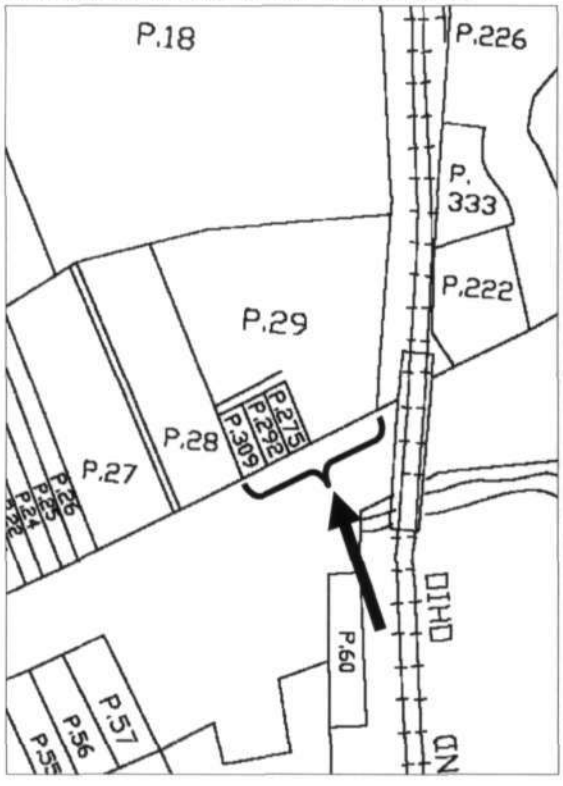

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Photos by Jennifer K. Cosham, 12/5/2012
South elevation, eastern portion of building

Southeast elevation, western portion of building

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